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SUBJECT: SOVIET MISSILE CRUISER VISIT TO MALABO AND BATA

REF: DOUALA 047

1. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS DETAILS OF CHARACTERISTICS SOVIET MISSILE CRUISER, "MARISCAL VOROSHILOV" WHICH VISITED EQUATORIAL GUINEA FEBRUARY 9-12, 1974. FRENCH AVIATION INDUSTRY REP. IN MALABO AT TIME VISIT(FORMER MILITARY OFFICER) REPORTED THAT CREW APPEARED QUITE YOUNG ALTHOUGH ALMOST NO SHORE LEAVE PERMITTED AND THAT SHIP WAS REMARKABLY CLEAN CONSIDERING LONG OCEAN VOYAGE.

2. INVITATIONS TO PRESENTATION CEREMONIES RUSSIAN COAST GUARD CUTTER STATED THAT EVENT OPEN TO "ALL FRIENDS OF GOEG-USSR COOPERATION." MOST OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ATTENDED AND WERE TREATED
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TO FOUR HOURS STANDING IN SUN ON PIER WHILE PRESIDENT EXCHANGED

TOASTS WITH RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR AND TOOK A FEW TURNS AROUND THE
PORT IN HIS NEW CUTTER. FRENCH AMBASSADOR RAGUENET FELT FORM
OF INVITATION UNSEEMLY AND ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE DECLINED TO ATTEND
CEREMONY.

3. CRUISER WAS UNESCORTED BY ANY OTHER KNOWN VESSELS DURING
COURSE OF VISITS TO MALABO AND BATA.
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